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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LOURENCO MARQUES 1195

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SUBJECT: OPENING OF EMBASSY -- BACKGROUND

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1. AS PROPOSED REFTTEL A, AFTER TWO DAYS OF CALLS I OBTAINED APPOINTMENT AFTERNOON NOV. 6 WITH PROTOCOL CHIEF TEMBE TO INFORM HIM I PLANNED TO OPEN EMBASSY. HE WAS NOT IN HIS OFFICE AT APPOINTED HOUR, HAVING, I WAS TOLD, LEFT FOREIGN MINISTRY TO MEET ELSEWHERE WITH CHISSANO (WHO RETURNED THAT DAY) AND OTHER MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT, PRESUMABLY FOR CHISSANO DEBRIEFING.

2. I WAS POLITELY RECEIVED BY JOSE AMARAL, TEMBE'S ASSISTANT, AND FORMERLY AIDE TO CHISSANO WHEN LATTER PRIME MINISTER. I EXPLAINED MY MISSION AND PRESENTED COPIES OF DEPARTMENT'S NOTE
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AND MULCAHY LETTER WITH INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF BOTH. I REFERRED

TO UNDERSTANDINGS REACHED IN NEW YORK, STATED THAT MY GOVERNMENT WISHED ME TO OPEN THE EMBASSY NOW IN ACCORDANCE WITH THOSE UNDERSTANDINGS (REFTEL B), AND SAID I WAS THUS TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM MINISTRY THAT I PLANNED TO OPEN EMBASSY NEXT DAY (FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7).

3. AMARAL LISTENED CAREFULLY, INDICATING AWARENESS OF NEW YORK UNDERSTANDINGS, BUT WAS CAUGHT SHORT BY STATEMENT OF PLAN TO OPEN EMBASSY NEXT DAY. HE ASKED IF I HAD TO DO THAT. I SAID MY GOVERNMENT WAS ANXIOUS THAT EMBASSY BE OPENED AND THAT THAT WAS MY INTENTION. HE ASKED IF I COULD NOT JUST AS WELL DO IT ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8. I ASKED WHY. HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO INFORM HIS MINISTER. I REVIEWED EFFORTS TO SEE CHISSANO, NOTING MY UNDERSTANDING THAT HE WAS AWAY AND WOULD NOT RETURN FOR SOME TIME. AMARAL HEDGED, FINALLY SAYING CHISSANO HAD RETURNED AT ABOUT NOON THAT DAY -- NOV. 6.

4. I THEN AGREED TO DEFER OPENING, AND SAID I WOULD CALL PROTOCOL MID-MORNING NOV. 7 TO CONFIRM INTENTION TO OPEN NOV. 8 AND TO ASCERTAIN THAT PROPER AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN INFORMED. AMARAL SAID HE WOULD REPORT TO TEMBE AND ASKED THAT I CALL HIM (TEMBE).

5. I CALLED TEMBE AT 1045 NOV. 7. HE WAS BUSY. I SPOKE TO AMARAL, SAYING I WAS CALLING TO CONFIRM INTENTION TO OPEN EMBASSY NEXT DAY. HE SAID HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO TALK TO CHISSANO AND THEREFORE DID NOT HAVE AN "ANSWER" FOR ME. I SAID I DID NOT BELIEVE AN ANSWER WAS NECESSARY, AS CHISSANO HAD AGREED IN NEW YORK TO OPENING OF EMBASSY, WHICH I HAD DEFERRED UNTIL SATURDAY AS MATTER OF COURTESY SO AMARAL COULD INFORM CHISSANO OF ACTUAL OPENING PLANS. I SAID I HAD BEEN HERE ALMOST TWO WEEKS AND HAD NOT BEEN ABLE EITHER TO SEE CHISSANO OR TO SPEAK TO TEMBE, AND THAT MY GOVERNMENT DID NOT WISH ME TO DELAY ANY LONGER. AMARAL SAID HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SEE CHISSANO LATER AND THAT HE WOULD CALL ME. I SAID AGAIN I HOPED HE WOULD BE ABLE TO INFORM APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES THAT I PLANNED TO OPEN SATURDAY MORNING. AMARAL THEN SAID HE WOULD TALK TO TEMBE, WHO WOULD CALL ME SOON.

6. NEITHER TEMBE NOR AMARAL CALLED BACK.
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